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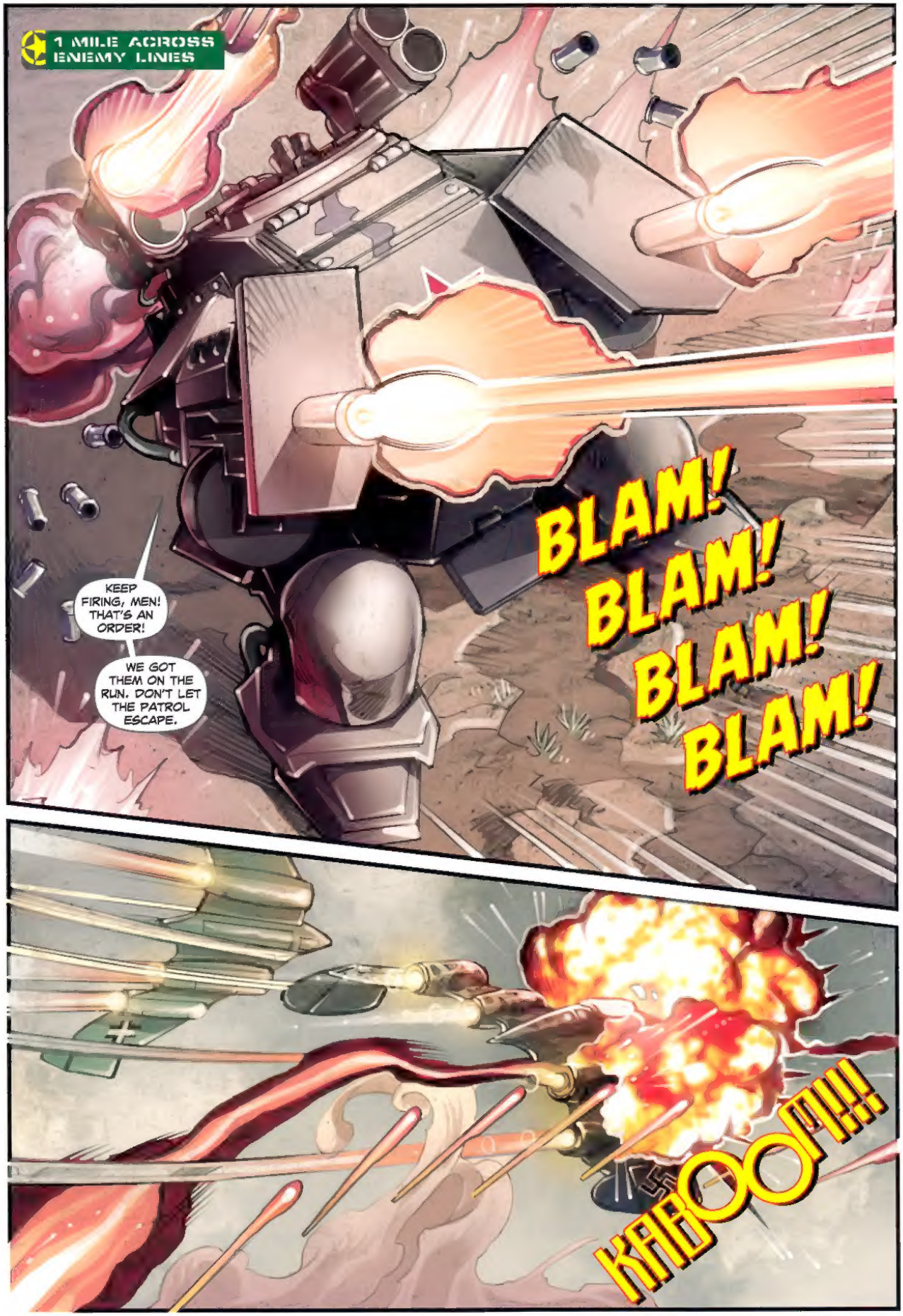
1944 WEINZIER CHURCH
TWO MILES BEHIND AXIS ENEMY LINES
WEINZIER CHURCH
WINE CELLAR
THAT IS THE LAST OF THE DYNAMITE.
THE WEIGHT OF THE CHURCH CAVING IN SHOULD CRUSH THE SECRET AXIS GENERATORS.
WE ARE AT FULL POWER, SIR.


1 MILE ACROSS ENEMY LINES
KEEP FIRING, MEN! THAT'S AN ORDER!
WE GOT THEM ON THE RUN. DON'T LET THE PATROL ESCAPE.
BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!
KABOOM!!!

1 MILE ACROSS ENEMY LINES
TURN OFF THE ROAD! WE GOT COMPANY! AXIS PATROL AHEAD! GET READY TO OPEN FIRE!
ALLIES! FIRE!
BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!

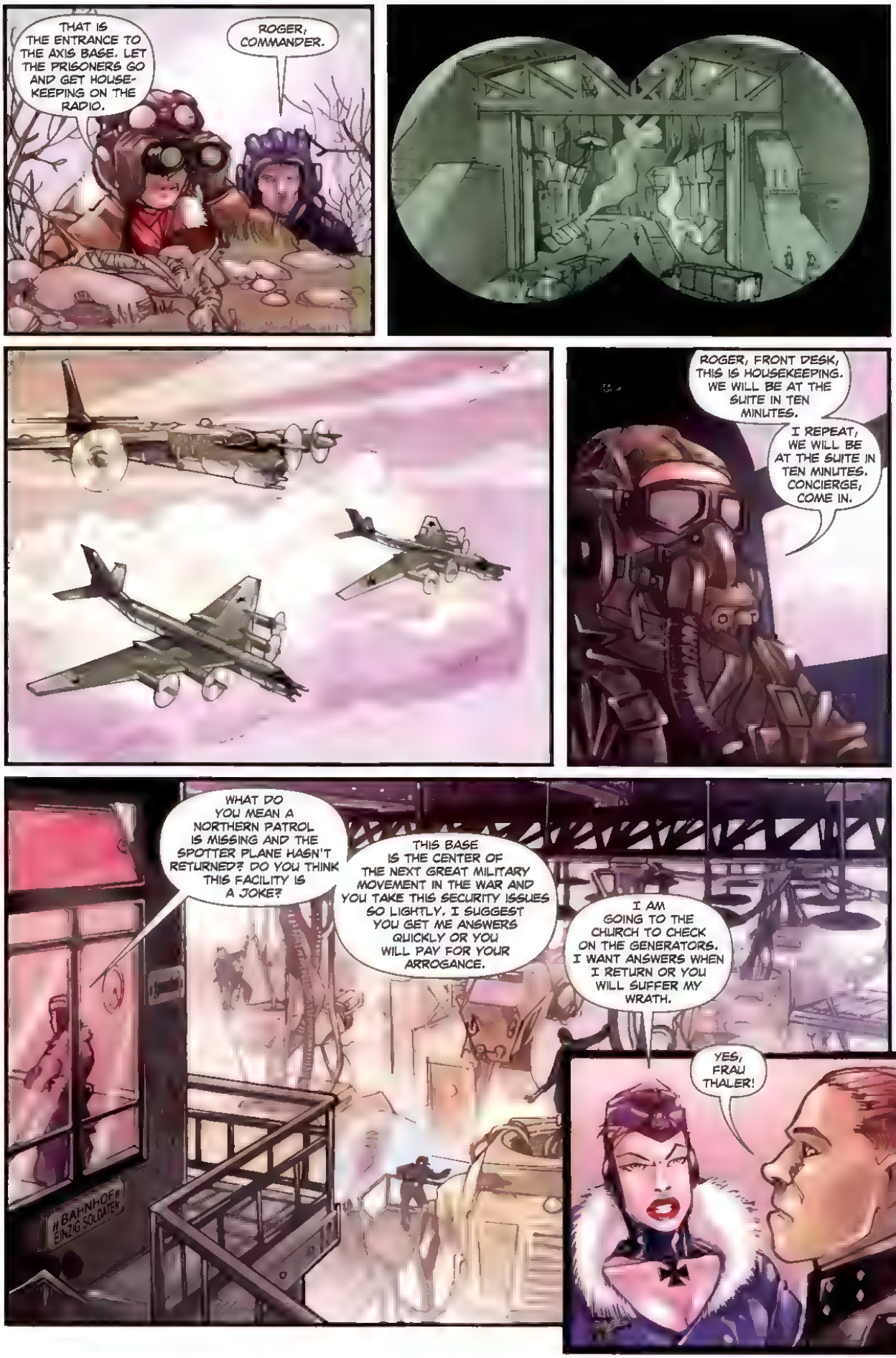
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
KEEP FIRING AND HEAD TOWARD THE TREE LINE!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
YES, SIR!
BOYS! SHOOT THOSE PLANES DOWN.
BLAM!
COME AND GET SOMMM-MMEEEE!
RATATAATATAT
RATATAATATAT
WHO SHOT THAT PLANE DOWN? I DON'T THINK WE ARE--
AAAAAAH!!!!
BOOM!!!!

IT IS GOING TO CRASH!
BOOM!!!
KV!!!! KV!!!! BEHIND THE ALLIES!!
KABOOM!!!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU AXIS CREEPS, YOU BETTER BE SCARED OF THE BRONX BOMBERS! FIGHT STRONG!
BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!
WE ARE SURROUNDED, SARGE.
WE ARE SURROUNDED!
RUN!
WHOOSH! WHOOSH!
KABOOM!!!
ALLIED SOLDIERS, THIS IS CAPTAIN KOSHKA RUDINOVA! PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND GIVE UP OR WE WILL OPEN FIRE IMMEDIATELY.

YOU HEARD HER, MEN, SHE WANTS TO SEE OUR HANDS UP!
WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?
MICKEY, DON'T!
I DON'T LIKE THIS, JOE! THIS WASN'T IN THE DEAL! JUST AN EASY HIT, GET THE BOTTLES AND GET OUT.
EASY, BLONDIE!
WHO ARE YOU & LET ME SEE YOUR PAPERS?
SGT. JOSEPH!
TIE UP THE AMERICANS AND THE GERMANS NOW!
WHOAH! WHOAH! LITTLE LADY, NO NEED TO BE NASTY. WE ARE ON THE SAME SIDE.

SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT.
YOU'RE ON A RECON FOR THE FORWARD AMERICAN LINES ORDO BASE WITH A SUPPLY TRUCK, A RUSTED, NEARLY-INOPERABLE TANK, THREE GURKHAS, A WOMAN DRESSED AS A MAN, AND A NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING ITALIAN BOY.
I SPEAK ENGALISH...
PUT A CORK IN IT, GINGER!
I WAS SO HAPPY COOKING. WHY DID I AGREE TO THIS?!
CAPTAIN, I ASSURE YOU OUR MISSION IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE ALLIED FRONT AND EVERY MOMENT YOU HOLD ME AND MY MEN HOSTAGE A LARGER SEARCH PARTY IS AMASSING DOWN THE ROAD AND YOU WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.
I SUGGEST YOU AND YOUR MEN GET SOME SLEEP WHILE I DECIDE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT. BORIS, SHOOT 'EM UP.
YES, COMMANDER KOSHKA.

A FEW HOURS LATER.
HEY! HEY! CHEF, WAKE UP THEYRE GONE. CHEF! CHEF! CHEF!
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
I AM GOING TO KILL YOU, JOE!
WHAT IS GOING ON?
GOOD.
HUH...
I HAVE A KNIFE.
I WILL CUT YOU LOOSE.
ALRIGHT, EVERYBODY, SADDLE UP EVERY-THING WE NEED. ENOUGH OF THE CHIT-CHAT.
BOYS, CHECK OUT THE AXIS TRUCK. LET'S TAKE IT SO WE CAN GET MORE LOOT AND GATHER UP ALL THE AXIS AMMO.
THE CASTLE IS THREE CLICKS FROM HERE. WE CAN BE THERE IN AN HOUR AND HOME IN FOUR WITH ALL THE BUBBLY.
I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS.
HALF THE WEIGHT OF THE NORMAL RIFLE AND THERE IS SCOPE ON HERE THAT MAGNIFIES LIGHT WITH A LIGHT SOURCE.
LOOKS LIKE 50mm ROUNDS IN THE CHAMBER. YOU COULD KILL A HELICOPTER WITH THIS THING.
THIS IS NOT-OF-THIS-EARTH METAL ALLOY.
JOE! THE RUSKIES TOOK OUR SABRE ROUNDS AND THE GERMAN SOLDIERS!

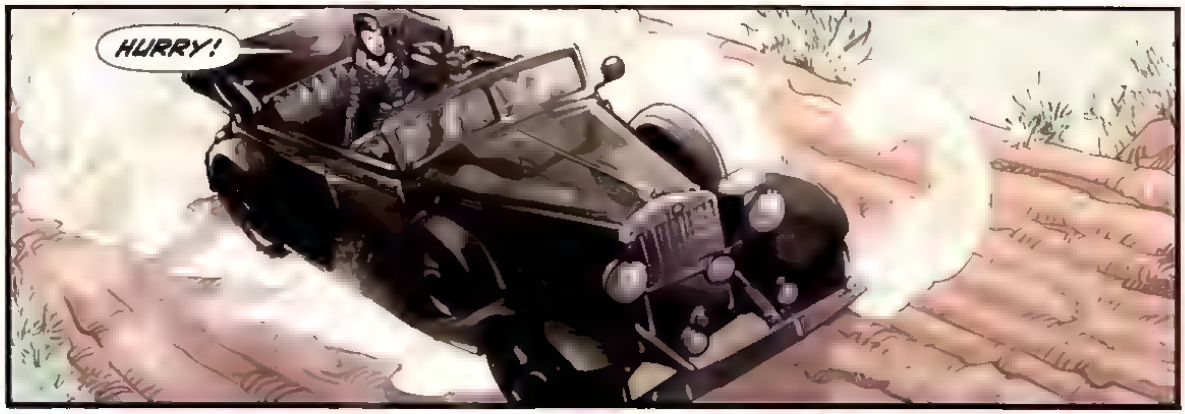

THAT IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE AXIS BASE. LET THE PRISONERS GO AND GET HOUSE-KEEPING ON THE RADIO.
ROGER, COMMANDER.
ROGER, FRONT DESK, THIS IS HOUSEKEEPING. WE WILL BE AT THE SUITE IN TEN MINUTES.
I REPEAT, WE WILL BE AT THE SUITE IN TEN MINUTES. CONCIERGE, COME IN.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN A NORTHERN PATROL IS MISSING AND THE SPOTTER PLANE HASN'T RETURNED? DO YOU THINK THIS FACILITY IS A JOKE?
THIS BASE IS THE CENTER OF THE NEXT GREAT MILITARY MOVEMENT IN THE WAR AND YOU TAKE THIS SECURITY ISSUES SO LIGHTLY. I SUGGEST YOU GET ME ANSWERS QUICKLY OR YOU WILL PAY FOR YOUR ARROGANCE.
I AM GOING TO THE CHURCH TO CHECK ON THE GENERATORS. I WANT ANSWERS WHEN I RETURN OR YOU WILL SUFFER MY WRATH.
YES, FRAU THALER!
BAHNHOF EINZIG SOLDATEN

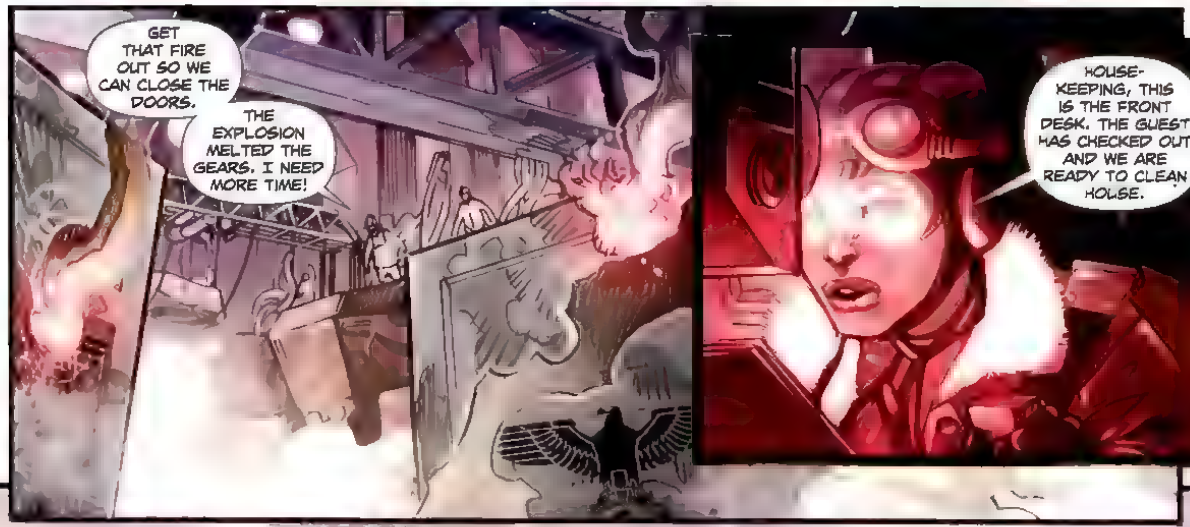
THERE IT IS!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
HOUSE-KEEPING, COME IN, HOUSE-KEEPING... THIS IS THE CONCIERGE. COME IN, OVER.
ROGER, CONCIERGE, THIS IS HOUSE-KEEPING
THE SUITE IS READY. THE SUITE IS READY.
SO ARE THE BOTTLES ON THE FIRST FLOOR?
NO THEY ARE IN THE BASEMENT BEHIND THE OLD PEWS...
PEWS? WE ARE ROBBING A *CHURCH*? YOU SAID A CASTLE.
CASTLE, CHURCH, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?
ONE WE ROB, THE OTHER WE DESECRATE!

UNITS 4 & 7, FIVE METER SPREAD BEGIN ATTACK MODE ON MY MARK. INITIAL SABRE ROUNDS SHOULD BE FROM THE U.S. TANK.
ROGER, CAPT. KOSHKA!
WHOOSH!
ROGER!
WHOOSH!
WHOOSH!
KABOOM!!!
WHOOSH!
WE ARE UNDER ATTACK! CLOSE THE DOORS!
WHAT?! THE BASE IS UNDER ATTACK! TURN AROUND NOW!

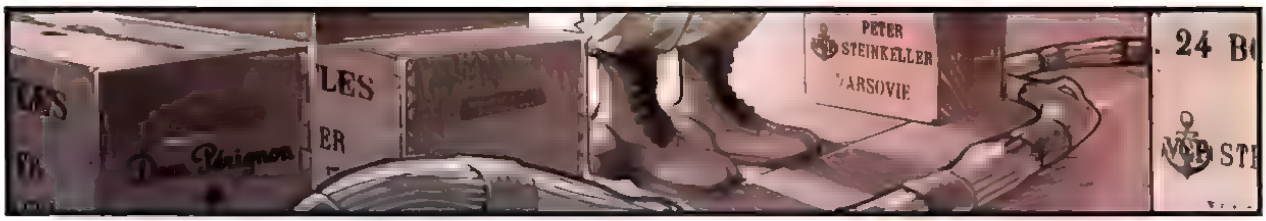
BOYS, PUT THE TANK FACING EAST AND WATCH OUT FOR PATROLS. MICKEY, BACK THE TRUCK UP TO THE DOORS OVER THERE. WE NEED TO HURRY.
TALON, GO WITH THE KID. CHEF, PUT THE AXIS TRUCK OVER THERE. SCOPE, PUT THE NEW RIFLE TO USE AND CHECK THE VALLEY OUT FOR TROUBLE.
YES, SIR!
PATROLS? DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING? THAT SOUNDED LIKE ARTILLERY FIRE?
I DON'T LIKE THIS.
WHICH WAY, KID?
IN HERE.
WOW! THERE MUST BE A MILLION BOTTLES IN HERE.
SEE? I TOLD YOU.
HA HA! COCKTAILS ANYONE? WE ARE GONNA BE RICH!

YES, COMMANDER VON THALER!
YOU IMBECILE! YOU BETTER FIX THOSE GEARS AND CLOSE THE BLAST DOORS. I WANT MY GUNTHER BATTLE READY IN TEN MINUTES. I AM ON MY WAY! TO DEAL WITH THIS PERSONALLY! SEND A ROBOT PATROL TO THE CHURCH TO GUARD IT NOW!!


HURRY!


GET THAT FIRE OUT SO WE CAN CLOSE THE DOORS.
THE EXPLOSION MELTED THE GEARS. I NEED MORE TIME!
HOUSE-KEEPING, THIS IS THE FRONT DESK. THE GUEST HAS CHECKED OUT AND WE ARE READY TO CLEAN HOUSE.

ROGER, FRONT DESK! CLEAN THE ROOM! CLEAN THE ROOM!
WHIRRRRRR


PETER
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WE NEED TO HURRY UP.
OK.
YES.

THAT IS 110 BY MY COUNT. WE ARE ABOUT AT FULL.
JUST 10 MORE.
IT WILL MAKE THE LOAD UNSTABLE.
WE WILL BE FINE.

CAN I HELP YOU PEOPLE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY CHAMPAGNE?
FATHER, HOW NICE TO SEE YOU.
WE ARE FROM THE NEARBY TOWN OF HUMBLESWITCH AND THE PARISH SENT US UP HERE TO GET THE WEEK'S LIBATION.

HUMBLE-SWITCH?

PLEASE PUT YOUR HANDS UP AND AGAINST THE TRUCK ALL OF YOU.
EASY, PADRE!

MAN... JOE, I AM GONNA NEED A RAISE FOR THIS.
CAPTURED BY A PRIEST. I DON'T THINK SO.
THEYRE ARE EIGHT OF US AND ONE OF YOU.

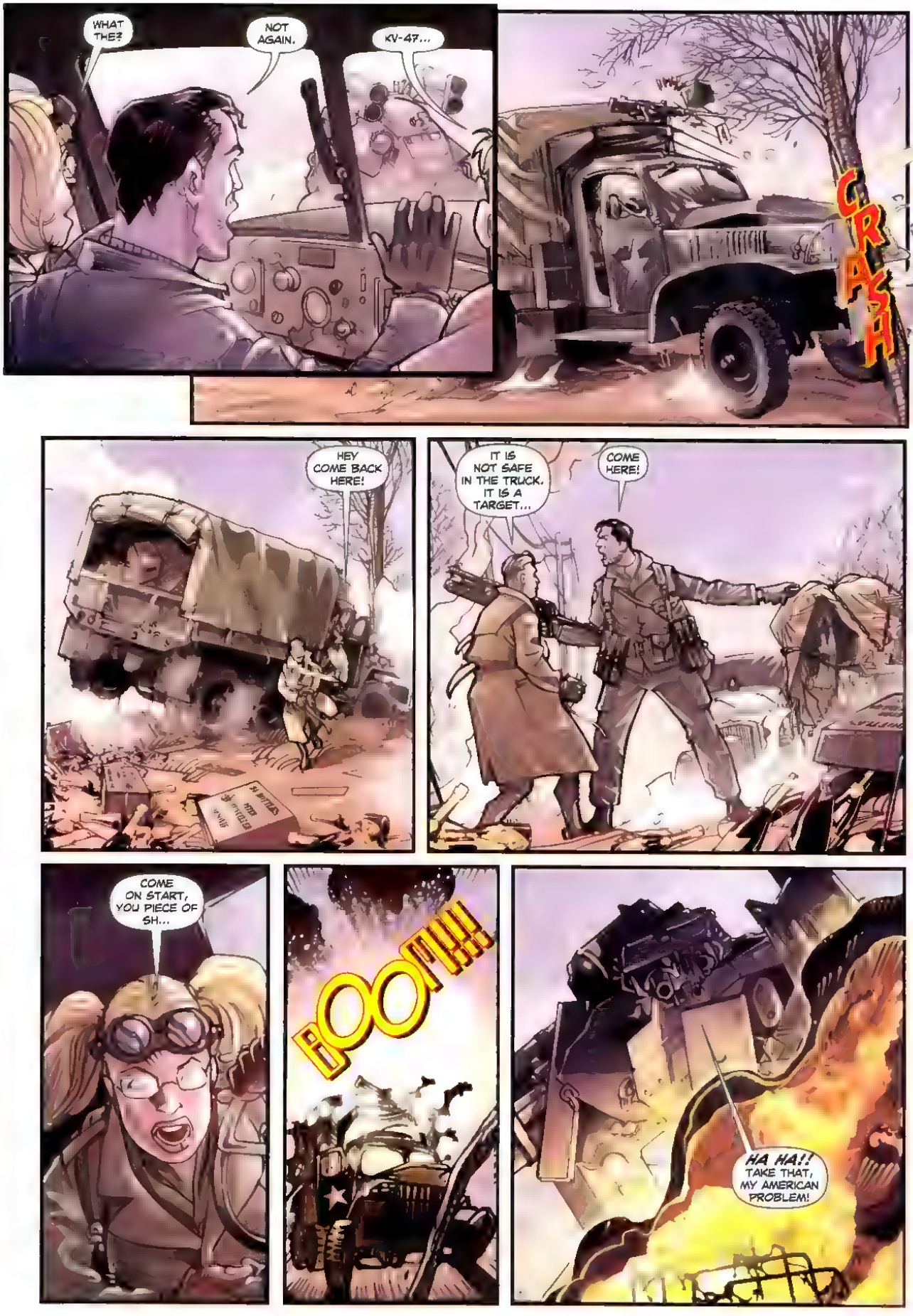
TRY ME!
CLICK

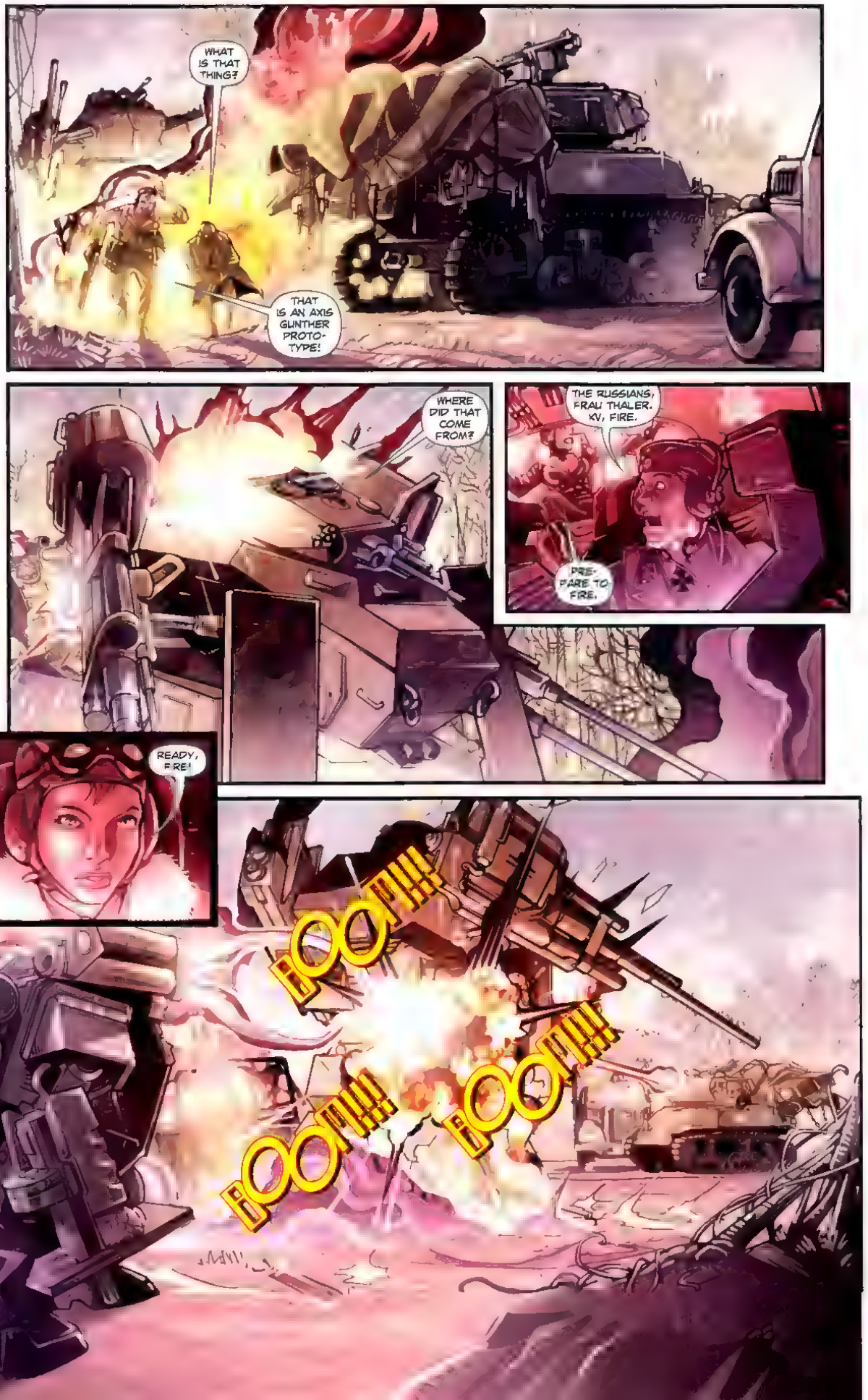
WHIR
CLUNK
FRONT DESK, HOUSE KEEPER ON THE WAY IN FIVE FOUR THREE TWO...
WHOOSH!
HOUSE-KEEPER IS ON THE WAY! STAY ON TARGET!
BOOM!!!
WHOAH! THAT CAME FROM ABOVE.

BAM! STANFORD PLAY ON THREE!
WHAT?
DON'T MOVE, HOLY BOY!
YOU HEARD HIM!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
HALT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PRIEST BONNER!!!
LOOK OUT! AXIS!!!!
RATATATATATATATAT
GET THE TANK READY!!!
GORAL!! SHOOT!! SHOOT!!!
OK, BOSS!
BLAM!
KABOOM!!!

THIS WAY, MEN. THE ROAD IS FOUR CLICKS FROM HERE.
WE HIT THE TARGET AND RETURN TO BASE.
I WANT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS *DEAD!* IS MY GUNTHER READY?
YES, COMMANDER.
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
I BELIEVE THEY ARE SAVING THE LEGS FOR SCRAP METAL.
YIKES... ALRIGHT, MEN, LET'S LOAD UP AND GET OUT OF HERE. WE GOT A DATE AT HOME WITH A PAYCHECK. WE ARE TAKING THE PRIEST AS COLLATERAL.
YES, SIR.
SHUT UP!

THIS WAY, MEN.
AHHH-HHH!!
BLAMM!
FOLLOW THE RADAR SIGNATURE THAT MUST BE THEM!
UNIT 4, FOLLOW ME, FIRE FLARES ON MY MARK! MARK!
SO WHO ARE YOU AND WHY ARE YOU STEALING MY WINE? YOU NEVER ANSWERED MY QUESTION.
YO, P MAN, PUT A CORK IN IT. I SAID YOU CAN RIDE UP HERE BECAUSE I GOT A THING FOR MEN OF THE CLOTH. DON'T TEST ME. YOU WILL BE IN GOOD HANDS SOON WITH U.S. ARMY BRIG.
JOE... YOU'RE A REGULAR APOSTLE.


WHAT THE?
NOT AGAIN.
KV-47...
CRASH
HEY COME BACK HERE!
IT IS NOT SAFE IN THE TRUCK. IT IS A TARGET...
COME HERE!
COME ON START, YOU PIECE OF SH...
BOOM!!!
HA HA!! TAKE THAT, MY AMERICAN PROBLEM!

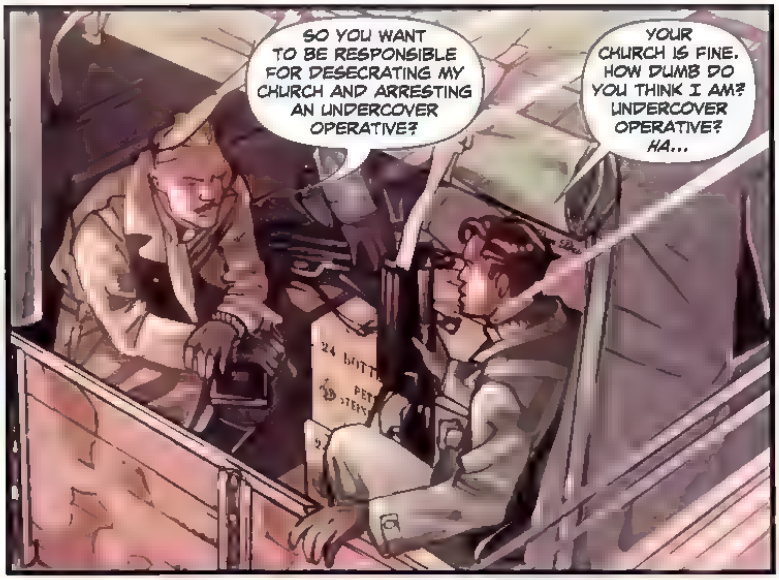

WHAT IS THAT THING?
THAT IS AN AXIS GUNTHER PROTO-TYPE!
WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?
THE RUSSIANS, FRAU THALER. KV, FIRE.
PRE-PARE TO FIRE.
READY, FIRE!
BOOM!!!
BOOM!!!
BOOM!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?
SGT., GO WITH YOUR MEN NOW!! I WILL DEAL WITH THIS!
YOU SAVED ME.
SS 150435
RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

WHAT NOW? WE CAME ALL THIS WAY TO GET OUR ASS KICKED. I AM NOT GOING OUT LIKE THIS, JOE!
YEAH, BOSS. ALL THE BOOZE IS GONE EXCEPT FOR THESE TEN CRATES. HOW ARE WE GONNA GET PAID?
SHUT UP! MICKEY'S DEAD AND WE ARE NOT HOME YET! WE GOT BIGGER PROBLEMS.
SHE KNEW THE RISK!
VRRRRRRRRRRRM
JOE, I WANT YOU TO HAVE MY MONEY BACK SO YOU CAN PUT IT BACK IN THE SAFE. WE DID NOT FINISH THE MISSION. IT WOULD BE MICKEY'S BLOOD MONEY IF I TOOK IT.
NO SIGN OF MOVEMENT. EXITING KV NOW.

DAMN.
CRACK!!
THANKS FOR THE ADDED BONUS OF A CAPTURED GUNTHER TANK, YOU DUMB BITCH! MEN, TIE HER UP.
AIR SUPPORT WILL BE IN HERE IN ONE HOUR AND WE EVAC THE WHOLE ROBOT. LET COMMAND DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH HER. FATHER WOULD BE PROUD!
YES, COMMANDER.

DROP ME OFF TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. YOU MUST NOT DETAIN ME. I AM AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL FORCES SENT TO INFILTRATE THE AXIS GUNTHER ASSEMBLY PLANT.
SORRY I NEED YOU TO PROVE MY STORY.

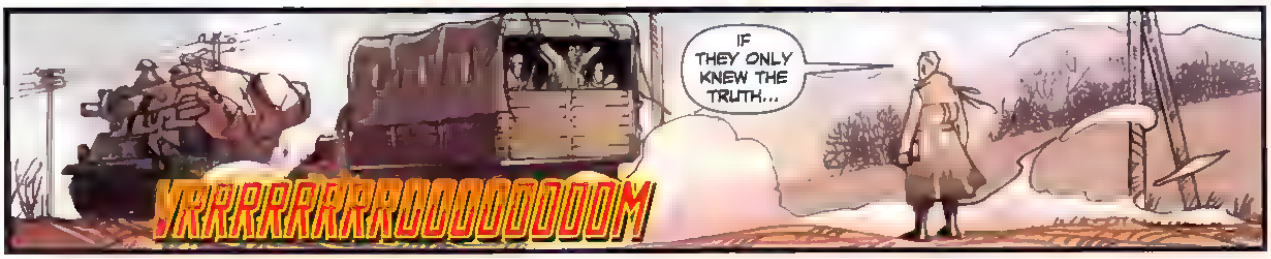

SO YOU WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DESECRATING MY CHURCH AND ARRESTING AN UNDERCOVER OPERATIVE?
YOUR CHURCH IS FINE. HOW DUMB DO YOU THINK I AM? UNDERCOVER OPERATIVE? HA...

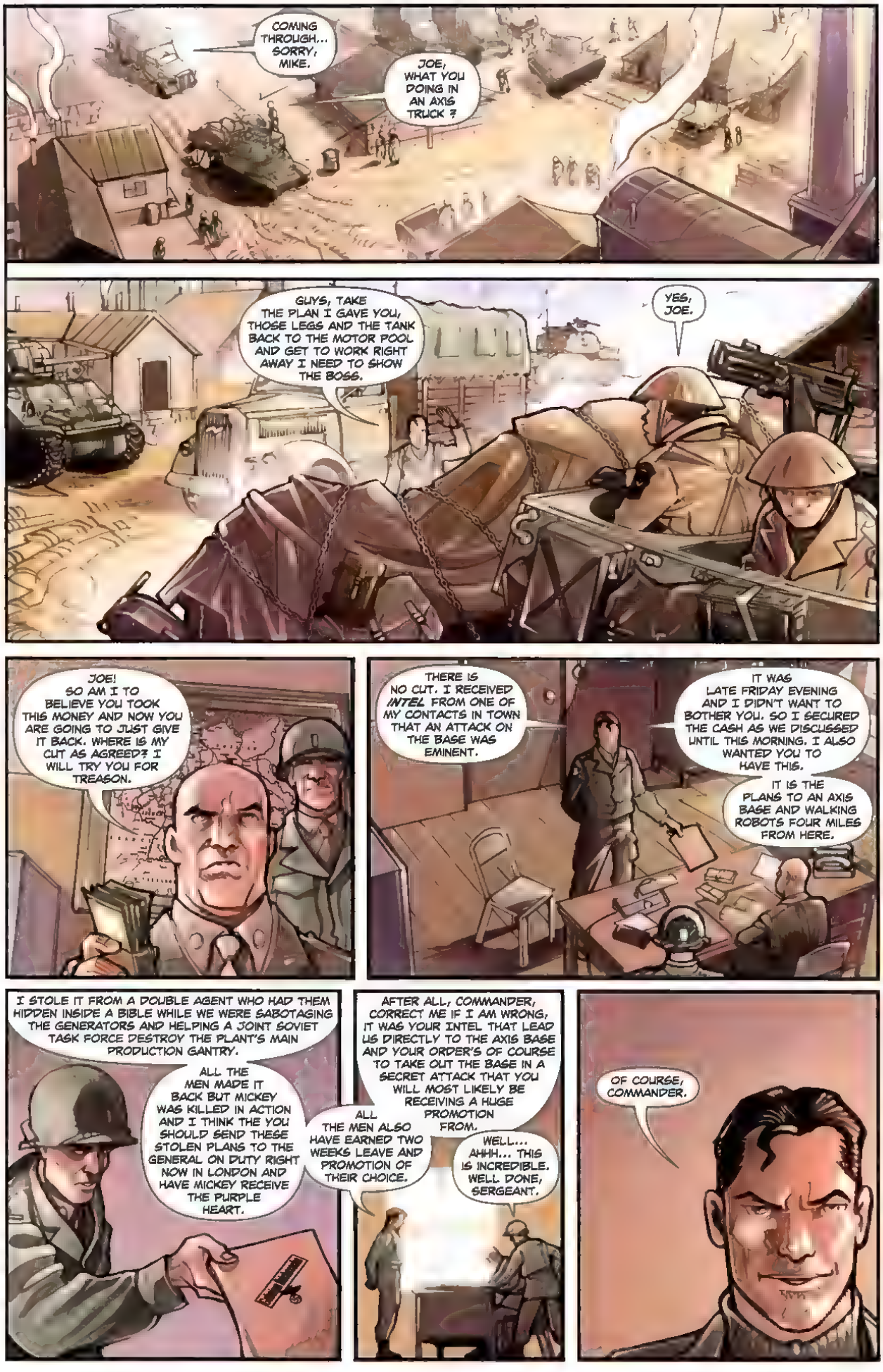
YOU WILL PULL OVER AND LET ME OUT AND I WILL HAND YOU TACTICAL BLUEPRINT PLANS TO THE AXIS ROBOTS. I STOLE THEM FROM THE BASEMENT OF THE CHURCH WHICH WAS A TUNNEL TO THE MAIN ASSEMBLY PLANT ATTACKED BY THE SOVIETS IN WHICH YOUR LADY FRIEND WAS KILLED. I WAS THEIR CONTACT.
THESE PLANS WILL HELP YOUR COMMANDERS CREATE THE WEAPONS NECESSARY TO FIGHT THE AXIS IN THIS AREA.
IN ADDITION THE CHURCH IN WHICH YOU STOLE MY CHAMPAGNE FROM WILL BLOW UP MOMENTS FROM NOW DUE TO THE MASSIVE AMOUNT OF EXPLOSIVE I PLANTED JUST ABOVE THE AXIS POWERPLANT TO DESTROY IT.

- JOE, THAT SOUNDS LIKE B...

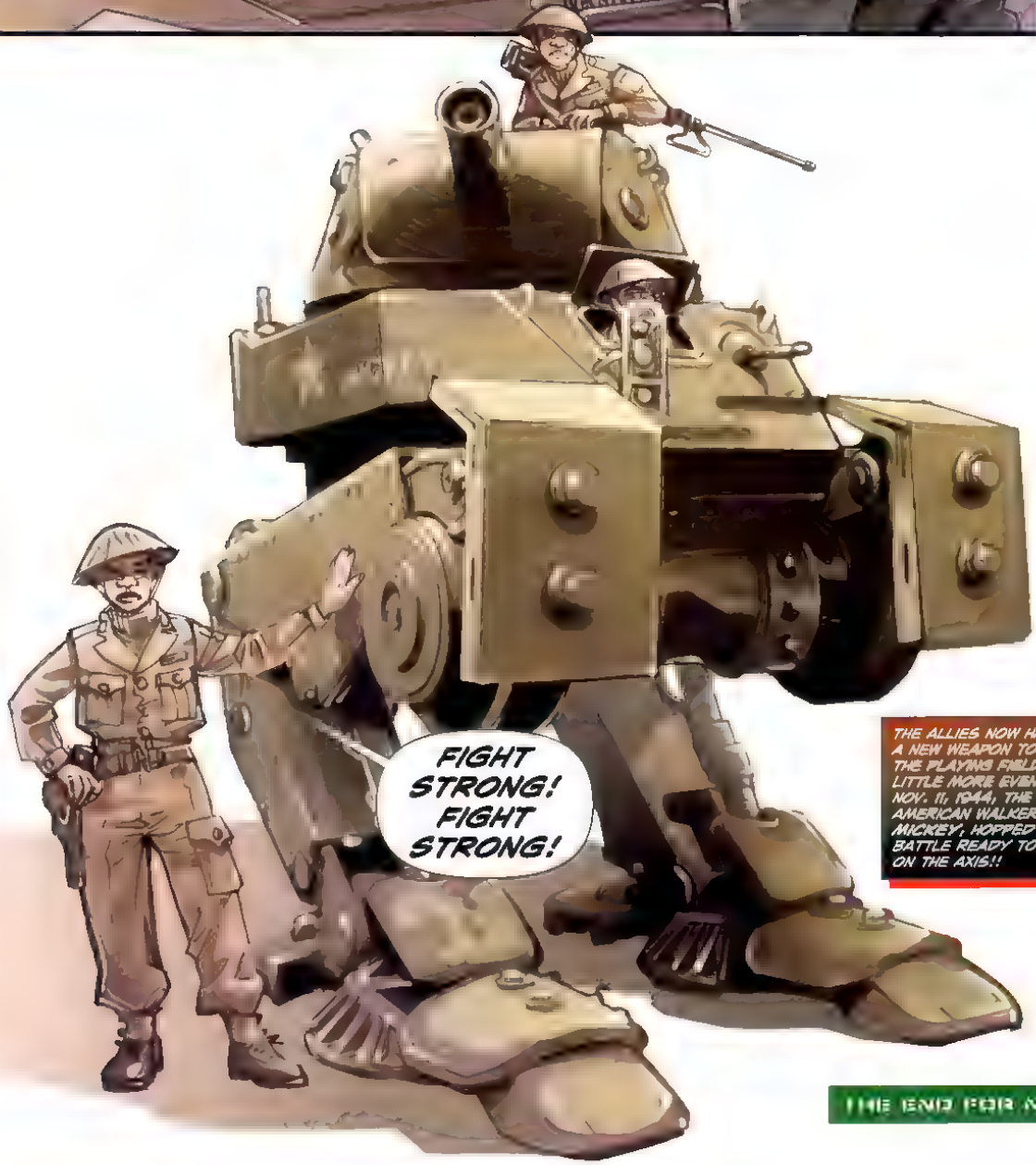
KABOOM!!!

THAT MUST HAVE BLOWN A MILE HIGH.
GOOD LUCK, JOE! USE THESE TO HELP THE ALLIES WIN THIS TERRIBLE WAR.
WOW!
THANK YOU.


IF THEY ONLY KNEW THE TRUTH...
VRRRRRRRRDOOOOOOOM


COMING THROUGH... SORRY, MIKE.
JOE, WHAT YOU DOING IN AN AXIS TRUCK ?
GUYS, TAKE THE PLAN I GAVE YOU, THOSE LEGS AND THE TANK BACK TO THE MOTOR POOL AND GET TO WORK RIGHT AWAY I NEED TO SHOW THE BOSS.
YES, JOE.
JOE! SO AM I TO BELIEVE YOU TOOK THIS MONEY AND NOW YOU ARE GOING TO JUST GIVE IT BACK. WHERE IS MY CUT AS AGREED? I WILL TRY YOU FOR TREASON.
THERE IS NO CUT. I RECEIVED *INTEL* FROM ONE OF MY CONTACTS IN TOWN THAT AN ATTACK ON THE BASE WAS EMINENT.
IT WAS LATE FRIDAY EVENING AND I DIDN'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU. SO I SECURED THE CASH AS WE DISCUSSED UNTIL THIS MORNING. I ALSO WANTED YOU TO HAVE THIS.
IT IS THE PLANS TO AN AXIS BASE AND WALKING ROBOTS FOUR MILES FROM HERE.
I STOLE IT FROM A DOUBLE AGENT WHO HAD THEM HIDDEN INSIDE A BIBLE WHILE WE WERE SABOTAGING THE GENERATORS AND HELPING A JOINT SOVIET TASK FORCE DESTROY THE PLANT'S MAIN PRODUCTION GANTRY.
ALL THE MEN MADE IT BACK BUT MICKEY WAS KILLED IN ACTION AND I THINK THE YOU SHOULD SEND THESE STOLEN PLANS TO THE GENERAL ON DUTY RIGHT NOW IN LONDON AND HAVE MICKEY RECEIVE THE PURPLE HEART.
AFTER ALL, COMMANDER, CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG, IT WAS YOUR INTEL THAT LEAD US DIRECTLY TO THE AXIS BASE AND YOUR ORDER'S OF COURSE TO TAKE OUT THE BASE IN A SECRET ATTACK THAT YOU WILL MOST LIKELY BE RECEIVING A HUGE PROMOTION FROM.
ALL THE MEN ALSO HAVE EARNED TWO WEEKS LEAVE AND PROMOTION OF THEIR CHOICE.
WELL... AHHH... THIS IS INCREDIBLE. WELL DONE, SERGEANT.
OF COURSE, COMMANDER.

SIR, I HAVE ONE MORE FAVOR TO ASK.
YES?
I HAVE SOMETHING YOU NEED TO SEE IN THE MOTOR-POOL!


FIGHT STRONG! FIGHT STRONG!
THE ALLIES NOW HAVE A NEW WEAPON TO MAKE THE PLAYING FIELD A LITTLE MORE EVEN. ON NOV. 11, 1944, THE FIRST AMERICAN WALKER, THE MICKEY, HOPPED OUT BATTLE READY TO TAKE ON THE AXIS!!
THE END FOR NOW.

13 CHAMBERS
FASTER, MEN, THEY ARE CLOSING!
YAH! YAH!
SWEET JESUS! THE SILVERADORS!
THEY HAVE THE SILVER BOX!!! KILL THEM ALL!!
WHERE IS THAT CLOUD COMING FROM?
I CANNOT SEE ANYTHING!
WHHZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

WE ARE ALMOST OUT OF THE CLOUD!
HOW DO YOU SHOOT SOMETHING THAT IS DEAD?
RETURN FIRE!!
AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!
WHOAH! WHOAH! WHOAH!
BLAM!
BLAM!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING THE BOX!! YOU UNDEAD HEATHENS!
WHAT THE!!?
THUDDDD...
WHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH
SORRY, MR. PRES...

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